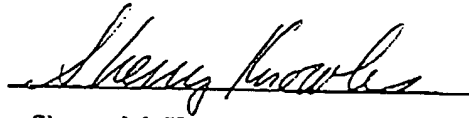


Remarks

Claims 100-102 and 130-145 remain in the application. Claims 1-99 and 103-129 have been canceled and claims 100-102 and 140-145 have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer of any previously claimed subject matter. Claims 146-159 have been added.

The unifying concept in the remaining claims is that each is a pyrimidine nucleoside that has two non-hydrogen substituents in the 2'-position of the nucleoside, which represents the core of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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